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'Green Team' offers weekend service

By Senior Airman Bryan Bouchard
Public Affairs

Briefly

■ Green Team patients may now see their providers on weekends, providing better care for themselves and more opportunities for everyone else to see a physician on weekends.

Starting Saturday, the nearly 1,500 TRI-CARE Prime patients who see the Green Team at the flight medicine clinic here, may now see their primary care managers on weekends.

Lt. Col. Marcel Dionne, chief of the flight medicine clinic, said the change wouldn't affect the current service others receive at the medical group on weekends. The flight medicine clinic serves fliers, air traffic controllers, and their dependents, as well as people on the Personnel Reliability Program.

"The bottom line with the change is improved continuity of care," Dionne said.

This means patients, who see a flight surgeon on a regular basis, can be seen by their physician on weekends and holidays, too. In the past, when a Green Team patient would go into the clinic on a weekend, they wouldn't necessarily be seen by a flight surgeon. Dionne said this could occasionally cause a delay in returning a member to flying or controller status.

The change also helps the medical group continue their efforts to abide by the new Air Force program, PCM-by-name. This program will eventually make it so all patients will be seen by their same primary care manager, all the time - similar to civilians seeing their family practice physicians.

Another benefit from the new hours Dionne said, is more appointment opportunities on the weekends for patients in the Blue, Silver and Gold Teams, since Green Team patients will see their team exclusively.

"It's a win-win situation," Dionne said. "It's good for the flight medicine clinic, good for the medical group and most importantly, it's good for the patients."

The Green Team can see patients at 9 a.m., weekends and holidays. To request a specific appointment with a flight surgeon, call 580-4184.

UP FRONT FOCUS | Painting supply



Airman 1st Class Charity Jules / WT

Staff Sgt. Bruce Thomas stands in front of one of his many murals which adorn the 4th Supply Squadron's warehouse. Thomas has been drawing for as long as he can remember. He hopes to pursue art when he retires.

Works of art

NCO leaves mark on and in 4th Supply Squadron

By Airman 1st Class Charity Jules
Public Affairs

He's been a doodler since he was a child. He'd scribble cartoon characters in his spare time and in high school, he worked with a friend putting together a comic book.

But 14 years ago when the Shaw, Miss., native left art school to see more of the world and be a part of the Air Force, he never dreamed that someday his job as a

supply troop would be combined with his passion for art and drawing.

"I began doing murals about seven years ago at Pope Air Force Base," said Staff Sgt. Bruce Thomas of the 4th Supply Squadron. "One of the flight chiefs had seen some of my drawings and asked if I could do a mural."

Thomas agreed but he had reservations. "They trusted me and at the time they had more confidence in me than I had in myself," said Thomas. "Once I began, I

thought, 'Oh, I've gotten myself into trouble.'"

His first mural turned out so well he was asked to do another.

"The airbrush is a pretty forgiving medium, so if you make a mistake you are able to improvise," Thomas explained. "People see that you can draw so they assume that you can paint, but I had never even held an airbrush. I actually learned how to use it by

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The image of supply troops loading a C-5 was Thomas' second painting. He finished it June 1999.

Edgington announces wing down day

Wright Times Staff Report

Colonel David Edgington, 4th Fighter Wing commander, announced Tuesday the wing earned a down day, which will be July 30.

Edgington said the wing earned the day off because of the hard work and perseverance in achieving the June flying goals of every squadron from both the flight line and all support organizations.

"I am very proud of the accomplishments of this wing," he said. "We have been given a challenging flying hour program, and I recognize we've met many monthly goals throughout the year ... it's time to reward our people."

This is the first down day the wing has earned since Edgington took command in May.

Combat Hammer

Wing deploys people, Strike Eagles to support Hill exercise

By Staff Sgt. Connie Etscheidt
Public Affairs

Another "Fourth but First" was made this week when more than 100 members from the 335th and 336th Fighter Squadrons participated in Combat Hammer at Hill Air Force Base, Utah.

"Combat Hammer is a weapons system evaluation of the entire system - the aircraft, the weapons and the aircrew - to ensure that we can deliver ordnance on time and on target in a combat scenario," said Lt. Col. Al Botine, 336th FS operations officer. "We're able to test more than just one feature of the system."

The 336 FS took eight F-15Es and their maintainers, and half of the pilots with the other came from the 335 FS. This was the first time an operational squadron has ever actually dropped EGBU-15s, a 2,000-pound weapon which has a television camera or inferred system on its nose, said Botine, who was also the detachment commander for the exercise.

During Combat Hammer, all of the components - the people, maintainers and aircrew and the aircraft's parts -



Senior Airman Bryan Bouchard / WT

were put to the test to see how their tactics and the whole system actually worked, he said.

After the weapons systems officer released the EGBU-15s from a stand off position miles away from his target, took over the weapon to put it on target, or within their goal of eight feet from the target.

"In a day-to-day environment we simulate a lot of things, but this is our opportunity to see how it really works," Botine said.

By Staff Sgt. Connie Etscheidt
Public Affairs

Even though summer is halfway over, people should still be on guard to keeping those summertime pests away since this season is anticipated to be more active than usual due to the high amount of rainfall recently.

Although diseases from vectors such as ticks and mosquitoes

are not nearly as common as in developing countries and the south and western states, Seymour Johnson is not immune to them with one confirmed case of Lyme Disease reported within the last two years.

Spending time doing outdoor activities also increases the risk of being exposed to ticks. Since ticks need exposed skin to attach to, using common sense like wearing a long-sleeved shirt can

help keep the ticks off, said 1st Lt. Belinda Brown, public health flight deputy commander.

Other ways to prevent them from attaching are by tucking long pant legs into boots or taping the pant legs around the ankles and using the buddy system to periodically check each other's clothes and exposed areas for ticks. People should also avoid

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SPTG, FPC offer guide to association with inmates

By Airman 1st Class Travis Riley
Public Affairs

Lawn care and the overall upkeep of base facilities are just a couple of the things that people at Seymour Johnson might have to do if it wasn't for the inmates from the Federal Prison Camp on base.

Lt. Col. Jennifer Hesterman, 4th Support Group deputy commander, said even though the inmates perform many tasks base people would have to do if they weren't here, they still must be aware of why the inmates are here, and not get too comfortable with them.

Though the justice department carefully screens the inmates to ensure they do not pose a threat to base families, "the inmates are here because they have committed a crime," said Hesterman. "What they do on base is just a part of how they have to repay their debt to society for what they have done. We should look at the situation as

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Bugs

Public Health explains how to keep safe from insects this summer



Sports

James Tipton led the 4th Civil Engineer Squadron to another softball victory with two triples Monday night.

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Weekend Weather

Saturday		Partly cloudy Hi: 88 Low: 73
Sunday		Partly cloudy Hi: 89 Low: 74

Weather information provided by the 4 OSS weather flight.



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Local News

The CMSAF Binnicker ALS was visited this week by ACC. See what the people from Langley were looking for on Page 3.

We could learn something from the ‘greatest generation’

By Lt. Col. Greg Hawkes
336th Fighter Squadron

They never knew that they would be called America’s “greatest generation.”

Worn and faded now, the black and white photograph that hangs on my wall shows five young men, with big grins with glasses of dark brown British beer in their hands. They look like what they are, men in the prime of their lives, most probably 20 years old. A time when contemporaries at home would be attending college and preparing for careers, houses and kids.

Not these men.

They must have been petrified every day that that reality would never come. The picture was taken in a pub in eastern England, near Royal Air Force Station Great Sailing in the spring of 1943. In the picture my father has the most mischievous smile, as if he knew something the rest of his B-26 bomber crew didn’t, or maybe that’s what I want to see. Looking at the picture, you would guess that my father would stand six-foot-one and dress out at 200 pounds. He looks tough and fearless, ready to climb into the “Widowmaker” and hurl it against the approaching German storm.

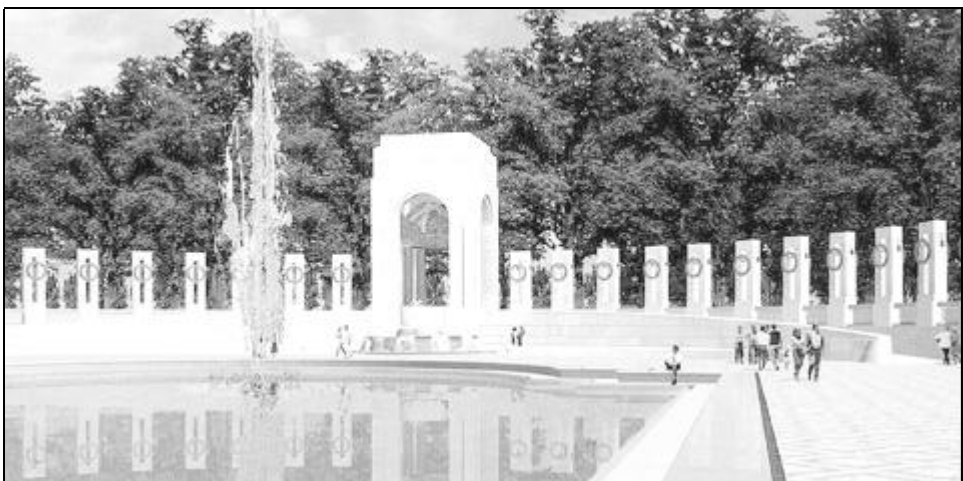
As I was growing up there were times when in retrospect, I should have suspected my father was a hero. I

can still see him purposely striding across the street to confront five big men who were accosting a fellow neighbor over some dispute. He was working on my bike, looked up and saw the shouting and simply responded without hesitation. The shouting men dispersed when they saw my father approaching. He was and is a great role model.

Last year, as he worked on his garden and tended to the fish pond, we were discussing the inevitable ... his wishes should he pass away. He is over 70, stooped now, no longer that 20-year-old in the picture. Still the eyes were there as if it was 1943.

I almost dropped my beer when he mentioned his Distinguished Flying Cross. I had no idea. It seems he was flying a particularly dangerous mission when his B-26 was hit by German flak and began to fall out of the sky. He was feeding the fish when he casually spoke of the pools of blood in the airplane and how he was the only crewman uninjured. He described also how he saved the crew in a crash landing back in England. It was as casual as the purposeful walk across the street to save a neighbor. As I grew up, the walk, like the DFC, was never mentioned. It was as if he knew in both cases that it was “the right thing to do.”

The coming years will mark the end



The “greatest generation,” as they are called, will finally see a memorial in Washington, D.C., in honor of those from their era who fought in World War II.

of the “greatest generation.”

I know my father to be a member of this greatest generation - selfless and quietly courageous. Just like my dad, many are tending gardens and finally sharing some of the horrific events that they endured at a time in their lives that they should have been more concerned with girls and cars. Instead, they stood between the very real threat of a dictator swallowing all our forefathers built.

You know what? They knew what was at stake.

It wouldn’t hurt to take a lesson from “The Greatest Generation.” Plato, the Greek philosopher, believed that only the dead have seen the end of war. It’s within our grasp to be as good as they were. Our Air Force is in a great period of change and challenge. You read about and talk about it. I’ve heard you talk about it in the clubs and at the picnics: The retention

problems and the parts not readily available; the lack of experience and lack of morale. The “terrible 1990s” with the high operations tempo is still fresh in our minds. One thing has not changed a bit. Our Air Force is still splendid like it was in 1943. It’s “our” Air Force. That’s it you know. We make the Air Force what it is or isn’t.

Do the right thing. Do your job, take care of your neighbor and fly your best airplane.



Doing more with less

We owe our success now to those who stayed

By Senior Airman
Bryan Bouchard
Public Affairs

Every time I hear someone use the excuse that, “we are doing more with less,” it makes me weigh the differences between years past and the present.

Are we really doing more with less? I think if you take the phrase literally we are, and perhaps even figuratively we were doing more with less five to 10 years ago. But now, when it comes down to the numbers and “human factor” as I call it, I think we’re better off than we ever have been.

Twenty years ago we had more people, more planes and more infrastructure. Nowadays we are, in fact doing more with less of all of those things -

the lean, mean fighting machine look.

The only reason we have gotten through this has been because of those of you who are now NCOs and the senior company grade officers or field grade officers.

True, years ago, there were more people to do the jobs we do every day. But now, through dealing with the shortfalls of the not-so distant past, we have developed new and more efficient ways of doing business. Through these innovations, the Air Force has persevered through what some officials have referred to as one of the hardest times the military has seen since right after Vietnam.

What has gotten us to this point? Those same NCOs and officers who

stayed with the team, who got us through a rough spot in our short history.

When most of them came in the military, the Air Force was pretty much fat, dumb and happy. But after defense downsizing and a booming civilian sector luring away some of our best people, these were the ones who stayed to serve their country.

So I want to take the time to thank all of those people who saw the light from the civilian sector in a time when the Air Force was not as great as it is today, and ignored it for something larger than themselves.

Thanks for making the Air Force I joined a better place to be. Without people like you, we wouldn’t have gotten through the tough times.

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Action
Line



Edgington
722-0006

Seymour Johnson's Action Line is brought to the base by 4th Fighter Wing Commander, Col. David Edgington.

It provides a communication channel for people to obtain information and assistance in making Seymour a better place to live and work.

Edgington asks that before calling the Action Line, people should try to resolve their particular problem with the responsible base agencies listed here:

Base exchange	735-8512	Military pay	722-5373
Chaplain	722-0315	AFOSI	722-1220
Civil engineering	722-5139	Public Affairs	722-0027
Civilian pay	722-5358	Safety	722-4093
Commissary	722-0321	Security forces	722-0121
Military equal opportunity	722-1180	Services	722-5331
Inspector general	722-0008	Transportation	722-5089
Housing maintenance	736-7021	Travel pay	722-5362
TRICARE	(800) 931-9501	Youth center	722-0339

ALS receives visit from command

By Airman 1st Class
Travis Riley
Public Affairs

The Air Combat Command program management review team paid a visit to the Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James Binnicker Airman Leadership School Monday, to assess the effectiveness of the schools instructors and its curriculum.

"We'll be going to a new curriculum Aug. 1, so I don't really expect there to be many significant changes as far as what is being taught in the classes," said Master Sgt. Steve Mihal, ALS flight chief.

Mihal said reviews like this are good for the school faculty, the base and the students who attend.

"They came to review our operation and let us know how we can better assist the airmen that come through ALS," said Mihal. "That's the whole reason we're here."

The team, which arrived Monday, reviewed the course's curriculum, training records, staff and faculty, and professional development instructions.

"We tried not to leave any stone unturned when we were preparing for the team," said Mihal. "We went through two self-inspection checklists sent from ACC with more than 100 items."

Mihal said the faculty worked closely with the base ALS advisory council to ensure the review went smoothly.

"The council was really helpful to us during the whole process," said Mihal. "I can honestly say this was a team effort with base-wide participation from the top down."

Mihal said along with the review and new curriculum, ALS will be making another significant change.

"We'll be increasing our class size from 24 to 30," said Mihal. "With the increasing promotion rate for staff sergeant, we're finding it hard to get everyone in that needs it, so we decided to increase the class size to meet the demand."

Mihal expects a high promotion rate again this year, and hopes to be able to accommodate the needs of the airman needing ALS before they can be promoted.

A real 'mason'



Airman 1st Class Christine Szczepanski / VI

William Mason, a concrete finisher contractor, measures a two-by-four he will use to build concrete forms for a wall at the new Debben Park playground. The playground is the first project to be done using the wing's \$1 million quality-of-life funds it won along with the 2001 Commander in Chief's Installation Excellence Award.

Air Force ROTC scholarships now online

By Ann Easterling
Air University Public Affairs

MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE, Ala. (AFPN) - Students looking to offset the costs of higher education and join the Air Force as an officer can surf the Web for scholarship opportunities. They can now apply for scholarships using the Internet at AFROTC.com.

"We wanted to offer the easiest access to our opportunities as well as show students what Air Force ROTC is really about," said Maj. Dennis Millsap, chief of recruiting for Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps. "The site is designed to show student life as an Air Force ROTC cadet including real-life student experiences and extreme summer-adventure programs."

Air Force ROTC, the Air Force's largest and oldest officer commissioning source, launched the site to reach college-bound students in an increasingly difficult recruiting market.

"The site encourages students to push their minds, their dreams, their limits and their lives and consider what Air Force ROTC offers," Millsap said.

"The site will be an adventure for students who have the idea that Air Force ROTC is only about marching around a college campus in uniform, getting yelled at and doing push-ups in the mud," said 2nd Lt. Johnathon Shackleford, a newly commissioned AFROTC cadet.

Students can find information about universities that offer the Air Force ROTC program and ask questions from cadets via email.

Air Force ROTC expects to see significant cost savings over the next few years as the more efficient online scholarship-application process overtakes a manpower-intensive paper process among applicants. Cutting overhead costs and reaching students on their turf

will hopefully be a boon to AFROTC in the most difficult recruiting market since the Vietnam War, Millsap said.



The new Website offers its visitors easy access to ROTC opportunities, officials say.

Air Force Aid Organization offers help to families

By Staff Sgt. Amy Parr
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON (AFPN) - While on active duty as the deputy chief of staff for personnel in Washington, he served on the board of trustees for the Air Force Aid Society. Now, retired Lt. Gen. Mike McGinty is back as the chief executive officer.

In his new job, McGinty said he plans to focus on helping Air Force people and their families - wherever, whenever and however that help is needed.

It is a great job, he said, one that will give him the opportunity to spread the word about the AFAS and its benefits.

"When you work for an organization that offers all this help," he said, "you can go home at night and feel really good about what you were able to do during the day."

And to tell the AFAS story, McGinty said he plans to visit as many bases as possible.

"I cannot do this job well if I sit in my office here in Washington every day," he said.

Assistance is provided in emergency grants and loans with zero interest; community enhancement programs to improve quality of life on Air Force bases; and education programs.

Providing emergency assistance is "job one" for the society, McGinty said.

More than 15,000 people found that out firsthand in 2000. They received aid for emergencies ranging from funeral expenses, to basic living, to vehicle expenses.

Still, McGinty said, there were likely others who needed help and did not know where to turn.

"My predecessor told me that his biggest concern was that somewhere in the Air Force today there is somebody who needs help that AFAS could provide, but for some reason they don't get it," he said. "They may be afraid to ask, they may not know (about us) or they may feel there is a stigma to asking."

"(On) Christmas Eve an airman and spouse were found living in a car. That should never happen in our Air Force blue-suit family," he said. "Air Force Aid could have helped. Our job is to help Air Force people!"

Community enhancement programs include providing free childcare for volunteers, families making a permanent change of station and stress-relief for parents under the Give Parents a Break program.

"Our programs get people involved," McGinty said. "They pull families, young people and kids, into the family support center."

But, AFAS is not just focused on the active force, McGinty said. It also wants to help the retired, Guard and Reserve communities.

"They are all important members of the Air Force family and are providing record levels of support to the active force," he said. "We need to ensure we are helping the rest of the Air Force family."

For more information on the Air Force Aid Society or its programs, call the family support center at 722-1123 or check out the AFAS Website at www.afas.org.

On the edge

Some of the things AFAS can provide are:

■ **Car Care**
Because We Care provides preventive vehicle maintenance inspections.

■ **Bundles for Babies**
provides baby gifts to new and expectant mothers.

■ **Nursing Moms**
provides assistance in breast pump rentals and purchases.

■ **Wellness**
provides enhancements to first-time parents programs.

■ **Phone Home**
gives people deployed 30 days or longer a prepaid \$20 phone card.

■ **Youth Employment Skills**
provides education and base community dollar credits for high school students who volunteer on base.

As equipment ages, readiness suffers, say DOD officials

By Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (AFPN) - All the military services are facing readiness problems directly tied to allowing aircraft, equipment and infrastructure to age, Defense Department officials said.

The average age of aircraft, tanks, infantry-fighting vehicles, ships, light-armored vehicles and many other pieces of equipment is increasing. As they age, they become more costly and difficult to repair and maintain.

This is a direct result of a "procurement holiday" the last administration took following the Cold War.

"They started drawing down after the Cold War and instead of stopping, they overshot the mark and went way too far," said Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld. "So, we haven't been buying new equipment. That means the older equipment is getting quite old and when things get old ... they sometimes take a lot more time for repairs."

"It just takes longer to get things operable," he said. "One of the things you can do is buy more and retire the stuff that's cost-

ing you more than it ought to. And DOD will do some of that."

Another move might be to change the mix.

In aircraft, "if you shifted your weight to some extent toward (unmanned aerial vehicles) you have a different need than with the manned aircraft," Rumsfeld said. "It's conceivable you could retire some things and start dropping the age down and have less repairs. Those decisions will be wrestled with during the Quadrennial Defense Review."

The problem runs across the services. In the Air Force the average age of the air fleet is 22.2 years old. The average age of the B-52 Stratofortress is 39 years. The average age of the B-2 Stealth bomber is 6. In airlift, the average age of C-141 Starlifters is 34 years. The average age of the C-17 Globemaster III fleet is 4.

The average age of the Navy's air fleet is 18 years. This breaks down to 21.1 years for helicopters and 17.2 years for fixed-wing aircraft.

And this will only get worse. The average age of the Air Force air fleet will be 25 years old in fiscal 2007, DOD officials said.

In fiscal 2010, the average age of Navy F-14 Tomcats will be 41 years. In fiscal 2021, the Air Force F-15 Eagles will be 51 years old and the granddaddy of the Air Force, the B-52, will be 90 years old in 2040.

"Clearly, we have to modernize," said a DOD official speaking on background.

Issues with aging military equipment are not limited to air systems. In the Army the "deuce-and-a-half" truck will be 67 years old in fiscal 2017.

"When do people trade in their cars -- every six or seven years?" the official asked. "These vehicles and systems have the same problems the family car has. There's fatigue and corrosion that you cannot see."

If something breaks on old systems like these, spare parts may be hard to find. "Parts obsolescence is a problem," the official said. "If you have a system designed in the 1950s, it's tough to get parts for it in 2001."

All this increases the time it takes to keep these systems working. "It takes time from operations, it takes time from training, it takes time from other far more important aspects of the mission, the official said. "We need to solve this problem."

Shaw jet crashes, kills pilot

SHAW AIR FORCE BASE, S.C. (AFPN) - Capt. Mitchell Bulmann, an Air Force pilot stationed at Shaw Air Force Base, S.C., was killed July 6 when his F-16CJ fighter crashed about 40 miles east of Charleston S.C.

Bulmann, from the 77th Fighter Squadron here, was participating in an air-to-air training mission when his plane crashed into the Atlantic Ocean.

A board of officers will investigate the accident.



File photo

Seymour Johnson's F-15E Strike Eagles were delivered in the late 1980s, making them some of the youngest and newest operational fighters in the Air Force. The average age of the Air Force's B-52 Stratofortress is almost 40 years.

NEWS

BRIEFS

Morley takes command of CRS

The 4th Component Repair Squadron change of command ceremony is today at 1 p.m., in the CRS Fuel Barn, Bldg. 4635. Maj. John Morley will assume command from Maj. Ronald Roux. A reception at the officers' club will follow the ceremony.

For more information, call 722-4145.

Base holds hurricane town meeting

A Hurricane Town Hall Meeting is July 31 at 7 p.m., at the base theater. Representatives from the weather office, security forces, disaster preparedness, the family support center and the American Red Cross will provide information on the characteristics of a hurricane, how to prepare for a hurricane, what to expect, and who people can contact if they need assistance once a hurricane has passed. Children's activities will be provided at the youth center.

For more information, call the family support center at 722-1123.

Vehicle maint. closed Monday, Tuesday

The 4th Transportation Squadron's vehicle maintenance shop is closed Monday and Tuesday for the wing's annual vehicle roll-by. Mobile maintenance and after hours stand by operations will still be in effect. For more information, call 722-1124.

Strike Eagle Hardware closure

Strike Eagle Hardware closes at 1:30 p.m., for an official function today. The shop reopens Saturday at 8 a.m.

For more information, call 722-0303.

Incentive program starts at Seymour

The Department of Defense Transportation Incentive Program was established in April to encourage federal employees to use mass transportation options to help reduce traffic congestion and air pollution. The program reimburses all DOD members for mass transportation cost up to \$65. By January 2002 the reimbursement will rise to \$100, not to exceed actual commuting costs. In Goldsboro, the mass transit option is Goldsboro Area Transportation Express of Wayne County, which has routes that run to the main gate and the Slocumb Street Gate. For more information on GATEWAY, call 736-1374 or 731-1626. Deadline to apply is Aug. 15.

For more information on the incentive program, call 722-4017.

Red Cross offers CPR, first aid

The Red Cross sponsors a health and safety course July 23-25. The class is for Community First Aid and Safety. The course is a three-night course. Adult cardiopulmonary resuscitation will be taught on July 23, infant and child CPR will be July 24 and first aid will be taught July 25. The cost for the entire course is \$45. If people want to take only two classes the cost is \$30 and one CPR course is \$25. The first aid class alone is \$20. Pre-registration is required. People may register by e-mail or by completing a registration form that can be found at the front desk of the family support center. Space is limited. For more information, call 722-1123.

Attic is open this summer

The Airmen's Attic is open Mondays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Seymour Johnson Top 3 is sponsoring a volunteer effort to keep the attic open until it is able to move to a new location in September. Volunteer slots are still available. For more information, call 722-3205 or 722-5393.

MPF, FSC close July 20

Agencies which fall under the 4th Mission Support Squadron are closed July 20 from noon to 4:30 p.m. for an official function. This covers the military personnel flight, family support center and other MSS facilities. The orderly room will also be closed July 24 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. for a change of command. In case of emergency, call Master Sgt. Ronald Luke at 738-6954.

For more information, call 722-0123.

Reserve has spots for active duty

The Air Force Reserve offers many career and educational benefits, some of which are the same as active duty. The Reserve offers retraining opportunities along with opportunities to maintain proficiency in a current career field. For more information, call 722-2258.

CAC changes channel

The commander's access channel can now be seen on cable Channel 81, instead of Channel 79. The channel contains base wide information on services and events that affect the Seymour Johnson community.

Unit News

To get your information in the paper, contact your unit public affairs representative or first sergeant.

4 OSS

By Master Sgt.
Spiva Haynes
First Sgt.

CONGRATULATIONS:
The 4th Operations Support

Squadron wishes to congratulate its quarterly award winners:
Capt. Teaka Robba
Master Sgt. Ronald Kelley
Staff Sgt. Jamie Morris
Senior Airman Jason Harrison

4 EMS

By Tech. Sgt.
Edward Jackson
UPAR

CONGRATULATIONS:
The 4th Equipment Maintenance

Squadron congratulates its quarterly award winners:
1st Lt. Dale Robertson
Master Sgt. Timothy Vance
Staff Sgt. Daniel Tuufuli
Senior Airman Brett Kemp

INMATES: *Staying professional*

Some quick reference items when dealing with inmates:

- Inmates may not have access to any keys or locks except the one key needed to operate equipment issued by the supervisor.
- Inmates are not authorized to have any contact with children or the public.
- No one but authorized supervisors is permitted to interact with inmates.
- Inmates may not work in restricted areas or near people carrying, storing or cleaning weapons.

being a positive thing for the base. We have a work force that many don't have which is always available to us when we need them."

Hesterman pointed out that people should be polite, but professional, when dealing with an inmate in their work environment or around the base.

"No one should enter into a relationship that is anything but professional with the inmates," Hesterman said.

Hesterman added that people who are skeptical about working with incarcerated individuals should not worry.

"As an extra precaution, the prison camp determines the trustworthiness of the inmates before they are permitted to work on base," said Hesterman.

Bob Lucero, FPC associate warden, agreed with Hesterman,

and said each inmate is put through a strict interview and records review process before they are even permitted to leave the camp and work around the base.

"No one who has friends or relatives on or around the base is permitted to work on the base," said Lucero. "Also, if we find that an inmate has befriended someone on base, we try to correct that as soon as possible. We have stressed to the inmates that an behavior unbecoming a professional manner will be dealt with."

Hesterman added that anyone who encounters unprofessional behavior should contact their supervisor right away.

For more information about inmate relations, call the support group at 722-0101.

BUGS: *Staying safe from bites*

tall grass and stay on trails if they're hiking but be aware that ticks may also be found in the foliage at the edge of trails, Brown said.

If a person does find a tick, he should remove it properly by using a pair of tweezers as close as possible to the skin where the tick's mouthparts are and pulling back the same way the tick is inserted.

Many people have wrong information about the best way to remove ticks.

"Methods that call for agitating them such as burning them with matches, bursting them, painting them with nail polish or twisting them out actually increase the chance of disease transmission as they cause the tick to regurgitate potentially infected stomach contents into the person," said Maj. Megan McCormick, public health flight commander.

Another pest that can carry diseases is the mosquito.

Although mosquitoes in North Carolina are generally nuisance pests, disease transmission can happen, McCormick said.

The best way members can keep these blood-suckers from infecting them is by using preventative measures and taking the proper precautions when outdoors, especially during the peak biting hours at dawn and dusk.

Some of these precautions include wearing long-sleeved shirts and pants. Clothes should be loose fit-

ting, since mosquitoes can bite through close-fitting clothes, and sprayed with paramone, which lasts through five washes. Repellent with the highest amount of DEET available should also be put on exposed skin. DEET is the active ingredient in sprays which wards away mosquitoes. McCormick recommends using cream repellents over spray repellents since they last longer.

"Adults should use repellents that contain 29-32 percent of DEET for protection against disease-transmitting pests," she said. "Read the label instructions for children, but use the highest amount possible and reapply as needed."

She also recommends keeping children inside during dusk and dawn when mosquitoes are more active.

Seymour Johnson members can also help control the mosquito population by controlling their breeding environment around their home.

Items that collect rainwater such as cans, and old tires should be removed from outside the home. Bird baths and wading pools should be flushed out every other day. Rain gutters and ditches should be cleaned out so they drain properly and water doesn't collect. Flower pots and children's toys left outside should also be checked for and kept free of standing water. Large areas of standing water that are not easily drained can be treated to kill developing mosquitoes.

PAINT: *Supply NCO works to beautify unit's warehouse*

reading the instructions on the box and working on that first mural."

Once Thomas left Pope, rumor of his murals spread by word of mouth and the former commander of the supply squadron, Maj. Charles Clark, approached him to do a mural here at Seymour.

"The eagle was my first one here and everyone liked it so I did a few more," said Thomas.

His murals are also very appreciated by the people who work around the artwork.

"Staff Sgt. Thomas is very talented; his murals add some life to the supply squadron," said 2nd Lt. Gary Risha, 4th Supply Squadron section commander.

In the last five years he has made five murals in the supply building primarily during his off-duty time.

"The commander had given me time to work on it during the duty day, but I found that there are too many distractions," said Thomas. "People

gather and add their input, the art critics usually come out at that time, so I usually try to get the fundamentals done during the day and work on the details at night and on the weekends."

In order to prepare himself for a project, Thomas spends time studying the space that will hold the mural.

"I've had people ask me what I'm staring at," said Thomas. "I know it looks odd to be staring at a blank wall, but I'm trying to get a vision of what the mural will look like."

As most artists do, Thomas has his own way of doing things.

"People have suggested that I use a projector to cast the image up on the wall, but to me that is cheating," said Thomas. "And though it takes me about a week to do each one, I prefer to work alone because when you work with another artist they have their own style and my style may not go together."

According to Thomas he doesn't have any projects in the

"I know it looks odd to be staring at a blank wall, but I'm trying to get a vision of what the mural will look like."

Staff Sgt. Bruce Thomas
4th Supply Squadron artist

works at the moment, but he enjoys doing them when he has the time.

Thomas is only a couple of classes shy from earning his Community College of the Air Force degree and once that is completed he intends to continue and pursue a degree that focuses on some aspect of the art world.

"I have always intended to go back to school and finish my degree," he said. "Perhaps when I retire I'll go into computer animation or graphics."

Thomas' other works



The units and aircraft of Seymour Johnson.



A "Humvee" in a desert scene.

Missile defense test set for Saturday

By Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The Ballistic Missile Defense Organization will conduct a test of an anti-ballistic missile system July 14.

The test is the same as the one last year that was scrubbed a few minutes into the test because the kill vehicle and booster did not separate. The test window is 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Eastern time.

The test will use space-based sensors and ground-based radars, including the new X-band radar at Kwajalein Atoll in the Pacific - to gather information on the target, officials said. The target will be launched from Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif. The interceptor is expected to launch from Kwajalein and get the kill vehicle to an optimum interception point in space.

While in flight, the kill vehicle receives targeting updates from the X-band radar and adjusts course. BMDO officials said the kill vehicle is on its own in the last few seconds of flight. Onboard sensors locate the target and maneuver the kill vehicle to collide with it.

If all goes according to plan, the intercept will occur at an altitude of 140 miles at speeds around 15,000 mph. The impact alone will vaporize the target.

During a July 9 media availability at the Pentagon with French Defense Minister Alain Richard, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld downplayed BMDO's test as "one more in what is a reasonably robust test series."

"Of course, each one will be watched with interest," he said. "A number of the things that will be tested have been tested before and work. A number of the things they are undertaking to test have not been tested.

"My guess is the outcome will be unfortunately simplified when it's over as either 'succeeding' or 'not succeeding.' But, of course, in any advanced technology, it is seldom that simple. It is often - most often - a situation where a variety of things work properly and a variety of things may not and more information may be needed. I suspect that that will very likely be the outcome in this instance."

BMDO officials agree, saying 20 more tests are scheduled through fiscal 2005.

The test will use a surrogate booster for the kill vehicle. The booster for the kill vehicle is 18 months behind schedule. The second and third stages of the interceptor will be from Minuteman III missiles. Officials said the first booster test may be in late summer and may be ready for an intercept test in fiscal 2002.

U.S. transfers custody of rape suspect to Japanese

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan (AFP) - Officials representing the United States and Japan reached agreement on transferring custody of Air Force Staff Sgt. Timothy Woodland to Japanese authorities July 6.

Woodland, of the 353rd Special Operations Group at Kadena Air Base, Japan, is suspected of raping a Japanese woman June 29.

The decision to transfer custody was made after careful consideration of the specific

facts and circumstances of this case, and discussion with Japanese authorities about how to proceed in the criminal investigation, said U.S. Forces Japan officials.

The two governments agree that under these procedural arrangements, Woodland shall retain all legal protections and rights to which he is entitled under Japanese law and regulations. This includes the Status of Forces Agreement, and other existing agreements between the United States and

Japan, and that he will receive fair and humane treatment while in Japanese custody.

Discussions between U.S. and Japanese authorities regarding transfer of custody of Woodland have not impeded the Japanese police investigation, according to USFJ officials. In response to the accusation against Woodland, U.S. military authorities cooperated fully with the Japanese police, including making him available for questioning by Japanese police.



ACC Multimedia Gallery

The reduction plan will leave Ellsworth Air Force Base, S.D., and Dyess AFB, Texas, the only homes for the B-1Bs. The aircraft will leave Mountain Home AF, Idaho, McConnell AFB, Kan., and Robins AFB, Ga.

DOD plans B-1 reduction

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Last week, the Defense Department announced its approval of an Air Force initiative to reduce its B-1 bomber inventory from 93 to 60 aircraft.

After the reduction, the remaining fleet from Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho; Robins AFB, Ga.; and McConnell AFB, Kan., will be consolidated at Ellsworth AFB, S.D., and Dyess AFB, Texas. This consolidation will enable the Air Force to enhance and maintain the combat capability of the remaining 60 aircraft.

To better understand the unit-level perspective of the reduction and consolidation of its B-1 Lancer fleet, the Air Force has established a team led by Lt. Gen. Joseph H. Wehrle Jr., the deputy chief of staff for plans and programs.

Other team members come from Air Force headquarters, Air Combat Command and the Air National Guard. The team plans to visit Air Force installations affected by the B-1 plan.

"The purpose of our trip is to obtain and provide first-hand information about how removal of the B-1 will affect Mountain Home, Robins and McConnell Air Force Bases and their surrounding communities," Wehrle said. "We also need to assess how the consolidation of the remaining B-1s at Ellsworth and Dyess will affect those bases."

Wehrle and his team will talk with the leadership of B-1 units about the Air Force's plan to provide the United States a more capable B-1 force.

"We want them to know we will do what we can to address

their concerns," the general said. "We also want them to understand our need to streamline the B-1 force. We will use the information we obtain to determine the best way to implement this plan."

The Air Force's B-1 fleet reduction and consolidation efforts will be a phased plan taking much of fiscal 2002 to complete.

Wehrle said the Air Force's top priority is to provide the United States with a more capable B-1 force. Savings incurred from the B-1 reduction and consolidation will be used to modernize the remaining fleet, leading to an increased war-time punch, greater survivability against increasingly more complex air defense systems, higher mission-capable rates, and easier maintainability.

CE ‘engineers’ a victory over SUPS, 14-13

By Senior Airman Bryan Bouchard
Public Affairs

The lead switched hands four times Monday, but at the end of the game, it was the 4th Civil Engineer Squadron that was finally able to “engineer” the victory, barely slipping by the 4th Supply Squadron, 14-13 at Tinker Field.

Supply blanked CE in the top of the first inning, opening up their offensive game at the bottom of the inning with two runs.

As the game progressed, CE was able to get a couple runs off of a player-coach John Tipton’s triple and the big, two-run homer by extra-hitter Darrell Drost in the second inning. Eventually CE turned the two-point deficit into a six-run lead, 8-2.

Supply came back in third

inning, tying the game at eight runs apiece.

In the fourth inning, Tipton had his second triple of the night thanks to an error on the Supply side, driving in another run, helping his team take over the lead at 9-8.

Answering Tipton’s RBI triple was Supply’s Ricky Harris who hit a homerun, driving in two runs and the lead for Supply at 10-9. An error by the CE third baseman brought in Supply’s Phil Noltemeyer to give his team a two-point lead going into the sixth inning.

The lead changed for the last time in the sixth inning as CE scored four runs, putting themselves in prime position to win the game with only five minutes left in the game.

Since intramural softball games

are only allowed to last an hour, all CE had to do in the bottom of the sixth was walk the last few batters until time ran out, securing their win. However, instead they got their quick outs against Supply and started the seventh inning with only a minute left in regulation time - allowing Supply one last at-bat.

At their last at-bat, CE tried to put the game out of reach for Supply. But they didn’t do that either, barely pinching out one run and leaving the door wide open for Supply to orchestrate a quick rally and a win.

With two outs, Supply almost got the win.

They scored two runs and had the tying and winning runs on base. But luck was on CE’s side as they made the third out and racked up one more in the win column.



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The 4th Civil Engineer Squadron’s John Tipton hits one of his two triples in his team’s win Monday at Tinker Field. CES barely beat the 4th Supply Squadron 14-13.

Standings

Softball

American League	
4 CRS "A"	12-0
AMMO "A"	13-2
4 OSS	9-4
4 CES	8-6
4 CS	6-5
4 SUPS	6-6
334 FS OPS	4-5
333 FS	4-11
4 CRS "C"	0-12
335 FS	0-11
National League	
4 EMS AGE	12-0
4 TRANS	8-4
4 OSS "B"	8-5
AMMO "B"	8-5
4 MSS	7-5
333 FS "B"	7-5
4 SFS	7-6
4 CRS "B"	4-7
334 FS	4-8
LIFE SUPPORT	3-10
Women's softball	
333FS	8-4
916 ARW	7-4
4 OSS	7-6
4 CES	6-6
4 MDG	3-11

Commander’s Cup points

Large unit		Small unit	
4 MDG	170	334 FS	140
4 CES	138	4 OSS	123
4 CRS	123	4 SUPS	104
4 EMS	115	4 SFS	97
333 FS	111	4 TRANS	84
336 FS	79	4 CS	80
335 FS	30	4 CPTS	49
916 ARW	28	4 MSS	46
		4 SVS	45
		4 CONS	2
		371 TRS	2

Standings information provided by the fitness center staff at 722-0408.

Sports shorts

Locker upgrades

Contractors are scheduled to begin upgrading the men’s and women’s lockers rooms at the fitness center Aug. 1.

The work will be done in two phases and should be completed by Nov. 15.

During phase one the old saunas will be removed from both the men’s and women’s area and one new sauna will be installed in each locker room.

Also, during this phase two additional showers will be added to the women’s locker room.

Each locker room will have one sauna when the project is complete. The first phase of the work should have little effect on the use of the showers and lockers.

However, during the second phase services will be interrupted while new tile is installed in the showers, floors are chemically cleaned, exhaust fans are installed and a third commode is added to the women’s locker room.

For more information, call Ed Hood, fitness center director at 722-0406.

Junior golf program

The Three Eagles Golf Course junior golf program is in full swing, offering Tuesday clinics from 9-10:30 a.m., for children ages 8 and older through July 24.

This season’s program concludes with a “grand finale” Kids Klassic junior golf tournament July 29. The tournament is sponsored by Bank of America.

For more information, call the pro shop at 722-0395.

Air Force Marathon

The Fifth Annual U.S. Air Force Marathon festivities begin Sept. 20 at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

Festivities include a sports exposition, pre-race pasta dinner, race day opening ceremony and an awards ceremony.

The 2000 marathon had more than 2,900 participants running either individually, on a relay team or in the wheelchair category.

Registration and race information is available on the Air Force Marathon

Website at: afmarathon.wpafb.af.mil/, or call (800) 467-1823.

July HAWC happenings

This month, the health and wellness center is focusing on helping people kick the tobacco habit.

This month an education class for teens, “Too Cool to Smoke,” is July 20 from 3-4 p.m., at the youth activities center.

The class is aimed at educating teens on the dangers of tobacco and provides assistance with kicking the habit if needed.

In conjunction with the teen class, a class which focuses on what parents can do reduce teen smoking is being offered Thursday from noon to 1 p.m.

For those who wish to learn how to lower their blood pressure, the dietary approaches to stop hypertension class is July 25 from 10 to 11:30 p.m.

The healthy heart class is scheduled for Wednesday from 10-11:30 p.m., the class teaches how to lower cholesterol through diet and exercise changes.

For more information on these or any other programs, call 722-0407.

SVS sells event tickets

Active duty, civilian employees and retirees may use the outdoor recreation office to take advantage of discounted admission to the Southern National Speedway, until November. Tickets cost \$7 per person.

The speedway is located between Kenly and Lucama, N.C., off Highway 581 on Newsome Mill Road.

For tickets, call 722-1104 or for more information, call (919) 284-1114 or visit www.southernnatlspeedway.com.

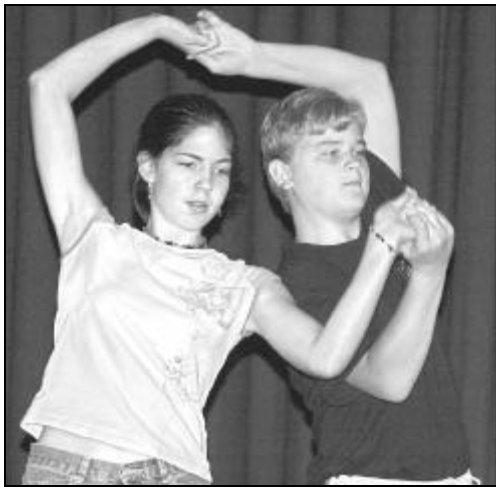
Cyclists ride during week

The SEYBORO Cyclist’s Bike Club meets for rides Mondays, Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays at Eastern Wayne Elementary School in Goldsboro.

There will be two separate paces, with a ride captain leading each one. Beginning riders may also attend.

For more information, call Lt. Col. Greg Hawkes at 722-2665 or 722-3050.

Camelot



Senior Airman Bryan Bouchard / WT

Blaine Little (right), son of Staff Sgt. Traycee Stogdale, rehearses with Gina Ponzi for StageStruck production's Camelot. The musical runs Thursday through July 20 at 7:30 p.m., at the Paramount Theater on Center Street in Goldsboro. Tickets cost \$8 and can be bought: at the door; at the StageStruck office at 113 Chestnut St.; or at the Community Arts Council building on the corner of Ash and Spence Streets.

Inside the gate

Executive VA benefit workshop: The transition program offers an executive-level job search and Veterans' Affairs benefit workshop today and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., in the officers' club. This workshop is offered once per quarter for upper-echelon enlistees and officers as well as spouses. The Retired Officers' Association kicks off the workshop followed by a full briefing by a veterans affairs employee. The second day covers career decisions, job search, networking, and resume and interview preparation. For more information, call 722-1123

ACC Preteen lock-in: The second annual Air Combat Command Pre-teen Lock-In is July 21. This event is for 9-12 year-olds and lasts from 9 p.m. to 7 a.m. Activities

include base-to-base telephone challenges, prizes, food, competitions and more. The cost is \$5 for members and \$7 for guests. People should sign up at the youth center by Monday. For more information, call the youth center at 722-0334.

Family child care open house scheduled: Family child care offers two open houses for people interested in finding out more about the program today and July 23. FCC offers in-home care for children ages two weeks through 14 years by licensed providers in active duty military housing. Four providers will open their homes to share their indoor and outdoor environments and home child care programs. Visit Patti Baddeley at 203 Squire Ave., and Connie Nicholson, 118 Lowry

Dr. today from 10 a.m. to noon or see the homes of Yulonda Gregory, 821 Bolling Dr., and Shawn Cason, 821 Paine St., July 28 from 10 a.m. to noon. For more information, call 722-0329.

Family fun: The batting cages and miniature golf course are open from 1-8 p.m., seven days a week. The batting cages are free. Miniature golf is \$2.50 a round for adults and \$1.50 for children 12 and younger. A 10-round adult punch card is \$20 and a 10-round punch card for children is \$10. Youngster day is Saturdays from 1-3 p.m. Kids can play for \$1 a round. For more information, call 722-1104.

Legal brown bag lunch: As part of the monthly brown bag legal lecture series, Capt. Nick

Wood will present "Identity theft, what you don't know can hurt you and your family," briefing today from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at the legal office. People who attend the briefing may bring their lunch to this informal presentation. For more information, call 722-5322.



Chapel schedule

Catholic
•Weekend Masses: Saturday - 5:30 p.m., Sunday - 9:30 a.m.
•Weekday Masses: Weekdays - 11:30 a.m. to noon
•Confessions: Saturday - 4:30 to 5:15 p.m., weekdays by request
• The Catholic Women of the Chapel meets the first Friday of each month at 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel Annex.
For information, call 751-0140.

Protestant Services
•Sunday services:
8 a.m. - Liturgical worship service
9:30 a.m. - Religious education, ages three through adult, meets in Bldg. 4403
10:45 a.m. - Extended religious education
11 a.m. - Traditional service
12:30 p.m. - Inspirational service

•The Protestant men meet at 9 a.m. every first Saturday of the month.
•The Protestant women meet at 7 p.m. the second Thursday of every month.
•For more information, or to contact a chaplain during duty hours, call 722-0315. To contact a chaplain after duty hours, call the command post at 722-2679.

Jewish, Orthodox and Muslim
Call the chapel at 722-0315.

Outside the gate

Fort Fisher dining & entertainment: The Beach House Bar & Grill located at Fort Fisher Air Force Recreation Area, Kure Beach, N.C., offers a "Grill Your Own Steak" special every Saturday night throughout the summer. Lenny Frank, a "one-man band," plays variety musical entertainment at the Beach House Saturday, July 28, Aug. 11 and 25, and Sept. 1. For more information, call (800) 645-9725.

Free outdoor concerts: A free starlight concert series is scheduled for Friday nights in July and August at 7:30 p.m., at the Page-Walker Art and History Center in Cary. Charlie Chiklis and the Moonlighters Big Band are scheduled tonight and Dave Albert and his All-Star band featuring Dick Gable are scheduled for July 20. Moment's Notice is scheduled for Aug. 3 and Baby Blues is scheduled for Aug. 17. For

more information, call (919) 460-4963.

Racing: The Wayne County Speedway, located at 3451 Nahunta Rd. in Pikeville, holds races Fridays at 8 p.m. Coolers are allowed, but are limited to 14 inches in height. No glass containers are allowed. The cost is \$12 for adults, \$6 for children 6 to 12 years old and children ages five and younger are free. For more

information, call 242-6680 or visit www.wcsracing.com.

Tryon Palace: The Tryon Palace located at 610 Pollack St. in New Bern, offers tours Mondays through Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sundays from 1-4 p.m. The palace is the first state capitol and has been completely restored. For more information, call (800) 767-1560 or visit www.tryonpalace.org.



Friday
7 p.m. Shrek (PG-13)
Saturday
3 p.m. Missoula Children's Theater presents *Sleeping Beauty*. Cost is free.
Sunday
7 p.m. Pearl Harbor (PG-13)

Previews:

Shrek - A hideous green monster, Shrek, sets out on a quest to find his perfect wife - an equally ugly princess - and terrifies

everyone he meets during his adventures. This animated film is based on the picture book by William Steig.

Pearl Harbor - It was the end of innocence, and the

dawn of a nation's greatest glory. It was during Pearl Harbor, following the story of two best friends, Rafe and Danny, and their love lives as they go off to join the war.